

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of providing an automated accounting system for a first entity such as an individual or a business, said method comprising:

5 establishing at least one file for said first entity;

providing a plurality of data inputs to said file, said data inputs including electronically recorded financial transactions made between said first entity and other entities; and

10 providing access to said file for agents of said first entity so that one of said agents can perform one or more activities selected from the group consisting of entering, deleting, reviewing, adjusting, and processing said data inputs.

15 2. The method of Claim 1, including entering into said file information regarding said first entity.

3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said information includes beginning balances
20 for income, expenses, assets, liabilities, bank accounts and the like.

4. The method of Claim 3, including entering into said file coding information appropriate to said first entity.

25 5. The method of Claim 1, including providing said first entity and said agents a passcode to permit access to said file.

6. The method of Claim 1, including providing a subsidiary ledger for each of said
30 other entities; and

transferring selected subsidiary ledgers from said other entities to said file.

7. The method of Claim 6, including
providing access to said subsidiary ledger for
agents of said first entity, whereby said agent can perform
one or more activities selected from the group consisting of
5 entering, deleting, reviewing, adjusting and processing said
data inputs in said selected subsidiary ledgers.

8. The method of Claim 1, including
coding said data inputs.

9. The method of Claim 8, including
10 coding said data inputs before said data inputs
are provided to said file.

10. The method of Claim 8, including
coding said data inputs when said financial
transaction is recorded.

11. The method of Claim 8, including
15 coding said data inputs after said data inputs
are provided to said file.

12. The method of Claim 8, including
changing said coding of said data inputs after
20 said data input has been coded and provided to said file.

13. The method of Claim 8, including
said coding comprises entering accounting codes
and financial transaction codes into said file.

14. The method of Claim 1, including
25 providing a funds transfer facility to
facilitate transfer of funds to and from said first entity and
other entities.

15. The method of Claim 14, including
employing said funds transfer facility to
30 receive an instruction to transfer funds; and
transferring funds from said first entity to
said other entity based on said instruction.

16. The method of Claim 14, including
employing said funds transfer facility to
transmit data related to said transfer of funds.

5 17. The method of Claim 14, including
employing said funds transfer facility to
adjust current records.

18. The method of Claim 14, including
employing said funds transfer facility to
adjust future action.

10 19. The method of Claim 1, including
employing said data inputs to generate at least
one accounting statement.

20. The method of Claim 19, including
providing said accounting statements to said
15 first entity.

21. An automated accounting system for a first
entity such as an individual or a business, said system
comprising:

20 a first computer having at least one file;
a second computer for receiving data inputs,
said data inputs including electronically recorded financial
transactions made between said first entity and a second
entity;

25 first communication means for transferring said
data inputs from said second computer to said file of said
first computer; and

30 means for providing access to said file of said
first computer for agents of said first entity so that one of
said agents can perform one or more activities selected from
the group consisting of entering, deleting, reviewing,
adjusting and processing said data inputs.

22. The system of Claim 21, wherein
said first computer has means for generating at
least one accounting report from said data inputs.

5 23. The system of Claim 21, including
a first said file in said first computer for
receiving accrual accounting data inputs; and
a second said file in said first computer for
receiving cash accounting data inputs.

10 24. The system of Claim 21, including
means for transferring funds from said first
entity to said second entity.

15 25. The system of Claim 21, including
said second computer has means for
electronically recording, collecting, processing, storing and
transmitting said financial transactions.

26. The system of Claim 21, including
said first computer is a personal computer or
a telephone computer.

20 27. The system of Claim 21, including
said second computer is a personal computer.